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CHAPTER 1514

S.B. No. 576

AN ACT

relating to the reporting of public school class size.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subsections (b) and (c), Section 39.052, Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) The report card shall include the following information where applicable:

- (1) the academic excellence indicators adopted under Sections 39.051(b)(1) through (8);
- (2) *average class size by grade level and subject* [~~student/teacher ratios~~]; and
- (3) administrative and instructional costs per student.

(c) The commissioner shall adopt rules for requiring dissemination of appropriate *class size* and student performance portions of campus report cards annually to the parent, guardian, conservator, or other person having lawful control of each student at the campus. On written request, the school district shall provide a copy of a campus report card to any other party.

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 1999–2000 school year.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on April 29, 1999: Yeas 29, Nays 1; the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 28, 1999: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed the House, with amendment, on May 26, 1999: Yeas 144, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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CHAPTER 1515

S.B. No. 609

AN ACT

relating to the duties of an attorney ad litem in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subsection (b), Section 107.014, Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) An attorney ad litem appointed to represent a child shall within a reasonable time after the appointment:

- (1) interview the child if the child is four years of age or older;
- (2) interview individuals with significant knowledge of the child's history and condition, *including the child's foster parents*; and
- (3) interview all parties to the suit.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1999, and applies only to an attorney ad litem appointed on or after that date. An attorney ad litem appointed before the effective

date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the attorney ad litem was appointed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on March 25, 1999: Yeas 31, Nays 0; the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 28, 1999, by a viva-voce vote; passed the House, with amendment, on May 26, 1999: Yeas 144, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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CHAPTER 1516

S.B. No. 673

AN ACT

relating to the establishment and funding of a program to educate residents about anatomical gifts.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subtitle B, Title 2, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Chapter 46 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 46. ANATOMICAL GIFT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Sec. 46.001. *DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAM.* (a) *The department shall develop a program to educate residents about anatomical gifts. The program shall include information about:*

- (1) the laws governing anatomical gifts, including Subchapter Q, Chapter 521, Transportation Code, and Chapter 692;*
- (2) the procedures for becoming an organ, eye, or tissue donor or donee; and*
- (3) the benefits of organ, eye, or tissue donation.*

(b) In developing the program, the department shall solicit broad-based input reflecting recommendations of all interested groups, including representatives of patients, providers, ethnic groups, and geographic regions.

(c) The department shall implement the program only to the extent that funds are available from Section 521.421(g) or 521.422(c), Transportation Code.

SECTION 2. Section 521.421, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(g) The department shall collect an additional fee of \$1 for the issuance or renewal of a license to fund the anatomical gift educational program established under Chapter 46, Health and Safety Code, if the person applying for or renewing a license opts to pay the additional fee. The department shall remit fees collected under this subsection to the comptroller, who shall maintain the identity of the source of the fees.

SECTION 3. Section 521.422, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) The department shall collect an additional fee of \$1 for the issuance or renewal of a personal identification card to fund the anatomical gift educational program established under Chapter 46, Health and Safety Code, if the person applying for or renewing a personal identification card opts to pay the additional fee. The department shall remit fees collected under this subsection to the comptroller, who shall maintain the identity of the source of the fees.